

## HURT IN EXPLOSION.

Accident May Result in Loss of Two Lives.

Greenville, Jan. 24.—A premature explosion of a dynamite charge in the Carolina Rock Company's quarry at Williamston this morning resulted in Jim Williams, a negro workman, being fatally injured and another workman, Waldo Roberts, sustaining injuries that may result in his death.

It seems the Williams negro was loading the charge when the explosion occurred. It is said the negro packed the dynamite in the hole with an iron rod instead of using the wooden apparatus kept on hand for this purpose.

Williamston is about 18 miles from Greenville.

Much excitement was caused among the residents of the village, many wild rumors being afloat following the explosion.

## GRIT THAT WOULD NOT DOWN.

Fighting With the Hilt After the Blade was Broken.

The American Magazine has been offering prizes for the best letters entitled "What I Am Most Thankful For," and in the November number publishes the three prize winning contributions. The following letter won first prize:

"Of all the blessings which I can count as belonging to me this year and for which I am most thankful, I am most thankful that I have not lost my grit.

"Eleven years of time and strength and everything we had have gone into the making of our 160-acre homestead here in North Dakota; and yet, to-day, if we sold everything we possessed we could just about pay our debts.

"A long series of crop failures from drought and hail, and a much and well-advised venture of buying a traction which then did not work, and was eventually (but too late for our good) replaced by the company with a new one, have eaten up all we have been able to make.

"It has been most discouraging, and the past year has been one of exceeding and unceasing worry and work of mind and body for both my husband and myself.

"Through it all I have been most thankful that I was able to keep my courage and help my husband keep his, as he bore the worst of the burden, being the provider and the one who had to meet and stave off creditors.

"Now, when we are practically assured of time (which is what we most need) to retrieve ourselves, we can stop and take stock.

"Against these adversities we can say that for eleven years we have lived decently, not lacking either food or clothing which was necessary.

"We have been bringing up three children in good and healthy conditions, and we have enough simple pleasures to keep us well and happy in spite of our troubles.

"We have had sickness and accidents, but none were fatal.

"When things were at their worst, all I had grit enough for was to say that we were young enough and strong enough to start in over again and make a success yet; because I will not doubt our ultimately succeeding.

"I would keep saying to myself, 'We might be much worse off.' 'We might not have enough to eat or to wear or a good home,' or, most of all, we might have lost hope, under our mountain of debt, as many do, and lapsed into a listless, ambitionless life with nothing ahead for ourselves or children; so I am most thankful that our grit has carried us through and has given us doggedness and perseverance enough to carry us through whatever more may come."

## Hope is Extended to Erring Girl.

Spartanburg, Jan. 22.—One of the saddest cases to come to the notice of the public is the case of Nora Hawkins, a white girl, 17 years of age, who is at present confined in the county jail.

This is a case of an unfortunate girl, whose mother died and left her a three-year-old baby, to be cared for by a shiftless father. She, being ignorant and easily persuaded, fell into the hands of bad companions older than herself and was induced to take up a life of immorality.

This girl has been one of the hardest cases to come before the local courts, and has been the source of great annoyance until now it is believed that she has realized her depravity and is ready to live a straight life.

It is very probable that she will be released on Thursday, when she will be married to a young man who has known her since she was a small child and has loved her devotedly for several years, and who says he still has faith in her and earnestly insists that they be allowed to marry immediately after her release.

## TO FIGHT NEGRO JUDGE.

Will Oppose President's Appointment of a Colored Man to Office.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Much ado is being made in Washington and perhaps elsewhere over the reported intention of President Wilson to reappoint a negro "judge of the municipal court" in Washington. Senator Vardaman has declared that he will fight the negro's confirmation in the senate, and there has been other criticism of the president's intended action.

There is, however, some misapprehension as to the position in question. The job is simply that of trial justice, or magistrate, and it is by no means as important as its usual title, "judge of the municipal court," would indicate. The negro in question is a lawyer of considerable ability.

Of course there is a difference between appointing such a man to such a place in Washington, and giving a job of the same sort to a negro in the south. There are thousands of northern people in Washington who do not object to such things, and they are not kicking. And besides, the better class of people are not affected by it, since it is a position in which public contact with the negro is confined to a very small percentage of the people of the district. It is entirely different from such a position as postmaster or collector.

As a matter of fact, there are hundreds of people, and probably thousands, in Washington who had not noted the fact that a negro held one of the judgeships, until the question of reappointment came up for the president's consideration.

## PISTOLS TO BE RETURNED.

Government Will Restore Them to Confederate Chieftain's Family.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Secretary Garrison to-day directed the return to the heirs of Jefferson Davis, of two duelling pistols, a double-barrelled pistol and appurtenances seized by Union troops near the close of the Civil War. Mr. Garrison took this action upon receipt of an opinion from Attorney General McReynolds that the president of the Confederate States had never been legally deprived of his ownership of the property and that all his rights in it had been restored to him by President Johnson's amnesty proclamation.

The pistols which have been in the custody of the war department for nearly 50 years will be turned over to Joseph A. Hayes, of Colorado, whose wife is Jefferson Davis' oldest daughter. The shawl and raglan belonging to Mrs. Davis and said to have been worn by Davis when he was captured, were not included among the articles for which Mr. Hayes asked but it is presumed they will be relinquished if the Davis heirs request them.

In his opinion to Secretary Garrison, Attorney General McReynolds said:

"It may be said that none of the decisions discusses a state of facts precisely similar to the present case, but the principle to be derived from them is sufficient, namely, where property of a disloyal person was seized by the military forces of the government during the Civil War, and no such proceedings by way of forfeiture, concerning it as would suffice to divest his title or any portion of it and transfer it to third persons or to the United States, then and in that event a subsequent pardon restores to him his plenary title and right of possession. Such is the present case. As stated at the outset, no condemnation proceedings were had under the confiscation act, nor were the articles taken in charge by the treasury officials and sold as required by the abandoned property act. On the contrary, it appears that in 1874 certain of the articles seized—not differing for present purposes from those now in question—were returned to Mr. Davis and in 1880 others. The failure to return the pistols, etc., seems to have been due merely to oversight."

## Work for the Editor.

Most anyone can be an editor. All an editor has to do is sit at his desk six days in the week, four weeks of the month, and twelve months in the year, and "edit" such as this:

"Mrs. Jones, of Lost Creek, let a canopener slip last week, and cut herself in the pantry."

"John Doe climbed on the roof of his house last week, looking for a leak, and fell, striking himself on the back porch."

"While Harold Green was escorting Miss Violet Wise from a church social last Saturday night, a savage dog attacked them, and bit Mr. Green on the public square."

"Isaiah Trimmer, of Lebanon, was playing with a cat Friday, when it scratched him on the veranda."

"Mr. White, while harnessing a bronco last Saturday was kicked just south of the corn crib."—Boston Globe.

## WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Body Discovered Lying on Floor by Neighbor Who Happened to Call.

Lancaster, January 21.—Mrs. Robert Threath, of the Lancaster Cotton Mill village, was burned to death to-day. Her clothes caught, it is presumed, while she was making fire in her range preparatory to cooking dinner. She was by herself in the house, the other members of the family being at work in the mill. A neighbor happening to call by about 11.30 o'clock to see Mrs. Threath was startled upon opening the door, when there had been no response to her repeated knocking, to find the house full of smoke and to detect a peculiar odor as of burnt flesh. Calling a man nearby the two entered the house together, and going into the kitchen found Mrs. Threath lying dead upon the floor about a foot from the stove. Her whole body, except her feet, was so badly burned as to make identification almost impossible. Every particle of her clothing except her shoes and stockings was burned.

Besides her husband Mrs. Threath is survived by three children, two sons and a daughter.

## BELIEVE PRISONER ROBBER.

Suspected of Holding up Passengers on Georgia Road.

Atlanta, Ga., January 21.—In the arrest here to-day of R. S. Freeman, aged 20, the police claim they have captured the man who last Friday night held up and robbed passengers of a Western and Atlantic train, near Vinings, Ga. E. H. Freeman, aged 18, brother of the suspected bandit, and T. H. Whaley, aged 17, also are under arrest, the police claiming that they not only were implicated in the holdup, but had taken part in recent jewelry robberies and other illegal transactions. A fourth suspect, George Martin, is still at large.

According to the police, R. S. Freeman to-day admitted having received three diamonds, which he claimed his brother and young Whaley had stolen from a local jewelry store, and which had been given him to dispose of. The police also claim to have recovered two of these gems.

The arrest of R. S. Freeman followed sensational disclosures to the police by Fred Ball, a taxicab driver. Ball related what he alleged was a confession to him by Freeman, in which the youth is alleged to have told of holding up the passengers of the Western and Atlantic train, robbing a local jewelry store and taking \$1,000 from W. P. Morgan, a Polk county farmer. Ball told the police that Freeman had said the place was getting "too hot for him" and that he was going to Marietta to join his "pal," George Mann, and skip the country. Detectives accompanied Freeman to Marietta, but failed to apprehend Mann, who had left the hotel and disappeared just before the officers arrived. Two suit cases found in his room were confiscated by the police, but the nature of their contents has not been disclosed. W. P. Morgan, the Polk county farmer, who recently was robbed by two boys, who, the police say, were Mann and R. S. Freeman, has been summoned to Atlanta in an effort to identify Freeman.

## KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Augusta Woman's Skull Fractured. Two Children Hurt.

Augusta, Ga., January 25.—Mrs. C. L. Norman was killed and the two children of Dr. J. T. Whitlaw were perhaps fatally injured this afternoon, when Dr. Whitlaw's automobile, in which his family and Mrs. Norman were riding, skidded on a muddy road near the city and turned over, throwing Mrs. Norman into a ditch on the side of the road. She sustained a fracture of the skull from which death resulted at a hospital. Miss Belle Whitlaw was thrown several feet with her younger sister in her arms and landed practically uninjured in the middle of the road.

## GAVE POISON TO CHILDREN.

Two Orphans Dead as Result of Nurse's Mistake.

Utica, N. Y., January 25.—As a result of a mistake by a nurse, two children at the Utica Orphan Asylum are dead and four others are in a critical condition. The nurse last night gave some of the children's poison in mistake for a laxative, and to-day Frederick Gilmore, aged 4, and Julia Vincent, aged 3, died. The other four received similar doses of the poison. The nurse admitted to the coroner that she administered the poison to the children, but claimed she was given the wrong medicine by another nurse. The house physician corroborated her statement.

The county superintendents of education at their meeting in Columbia on Wednesday adopted a resolution favoring compulsory education. Forty-one out of 44 county superintendents were present.

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